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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Sandy Richlen, Suzanne Schmoker and Paul Van Gompel for :

Absorbent Garment Having a Weakened Region. Enclosed are:

- 7 sheet(s) of drawings, 51 pages of application (including title page), and the following Appendices : n/a.  
 Declaration.  
 Power of Attorney.  
 Verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.  
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Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	40-20	20
Indep. Claims	5-3	2
Multiple Dependent Claims Present		

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Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
x\$9=	\$ 370
x\$42=	\$
+\$140=	\$
Total	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Fee
	\$ 740
20x\$18=	\$360
2x\$84=	\$168
+\$280=	\$
Total	\$1268

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